

shall issue the license applied for unless he finds that either the applicant, or the officers, agents or employees of the applicant, is not sufficiently experienced in the handling of explosives, lacks suitable facilities therefor, has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, or is disloyal to the United States; provided, however, that if the explosives are to be used for agricultural purposes, the license shall not be withheld either on the grounds of inexperience or lack of suitable facilities.

246A. The owner or operator of a mine, quarry, or other operation or business in which explosives are used, or any contractor performing work in which explosives are used, shall secure a license to engage in the business of dealing in explosives, as provided in sub-section (b) of Section 246 of this Act, and it shall be the duty of such owner, operator or contractor to issue or sell to any of his or its employees such amount of explosives as may be required by that employee in the performance of his duties, and it shall not be necessary for any such employee to secure the license provided for in sub-section (c) of Section 246 of this Act, in order to possess any such explosives so issued or sold to him by any such operator, owner or contractor. Any such operator, owner or contractor who fails to secure the above-mentioned license shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this Act, and it shall be the duty of such operator, owner or contractor selling or issuing explosives to any of his or its employees to see that no explosives are taken by any such employee to any point not necessary to the carrying out of his duties, and to further see that any unused explosives are returned to such operator, owner or contractor upon the termination of the work for which such explosives were issued or sold. Any such employee possessing explosives in any place where such explosives are not required for the performance of his duties, and not having an individual license to possess explosives, as provided in the aforesaid sub-section (c) of Section 246 of this Act, shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this Act.

247. *Reports and Records.*

(a) Upon request, not oftener than once in each calendar month, manufacturers shall file a report with the licensing official in each State, other than Maryland, to which any explosive has been shipped by said manufacturer, giving in said report the names of all purchasers and the amount and description of all such explosives so sold or delivered, and shall, in like manner, report to the Commissioner the names of all purchasers in Maryland and the amount and description of all such explosives so sold or delivered in Maryland.